
Transportation Committee

SSB 6857

Brief Description: Designating a select portion of state route number 97 as a heavy haul industrial corridor.

Sponsors: Senate Committee on Transportation (originally sponsored by Senators Morton, Swecker, Haugen, King, Spanel, Parlette and Delvin).

Brief Summary of Substitute Bill

- Designates a portion of State Route 97 as a heavy haul industrial corridor.

Hearing Date: 2/28/08

Staff: Jerry Long (786-7306).

Background:

The Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) may, at the request of a port, designate highways located on port property as heavy haul industrial corridors. The WSDOT may enter into agreements with ports to manage and maintain these corridors. Typically, the purpose of a heavy haul industrial corridor is to allow for the controlled movement of overweight, sealed, ocean-going containers from a port to a railhead. The gross vehicle weight must not exceed 105,500 pounds. The entity operating the overweight vehicles in the corridor is responsible for paying a special permit fee of \$100 a month or \$1,000 a year, which is deposited in the motor vehicle fund.

Summary of Bill:

The WSDOT must designate the portion of State Route 97 that runs from the Canadian border to the City of Oroville as a heavy haul industrial corridor for the movement of overweight vehicles. The WSDOT may issue special permits to overweight vehicles operating in the corridor up to a gross vehicle weight of 137,788 pounds. Entities issued a special permit must pay a fee of \$100 a month or \$1,000 a year, which is deposited in the motor vehicle fund.

Appropriation: None.

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Fiscal Note: Requested.

Effective Date: The bill takes effect 90 days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.